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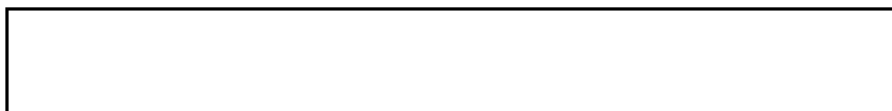
Joseph F. Carroll
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

Dear General Carroll:

Thank you for your letter of 16 March concerning the draft estimates program. By now you will have received the 22 March draft of the Quarterly Estimates Schedule which the USIB is to discuss on 31 March. I consider the draft schedule to be a feasible one, and I trust that it can be executed without major slippage.

I suggest that Section C of that draft (Estimates to be Produced Beyond the Third Quarter 1965) be fleshed out as follows, the timing of certain items slightly changed from your letter's proposals:

*1. Soviet Air and Missile Defense Capabilities Through Mid-1971 (NIS II-3-65) October



*3. IAF, Section 1 (Strategic Attack Forces) November

*4. IAF, Section 2 (Air Defense Forces) December

*5. Capabilities of the Soviet General Purpose Forces, 1965-1971 (NIS II-14-65) December

DIA review(s) completed.

***6. Economic Prospects for
Communist China
(NIE 13-5-65)**

December

Sincerely,

[(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE]

**John A. McCone
Director**

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Mr. John McCone
Director
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

In preparing to provide necessary intelligence support to the Joint Staff during 1965, we have recently reviewed the schedules, some firm and some tentative, for the production of national estimates. The following USIB products are of particular relevance to the major annual planning cycle of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

Scheduled for the First Two Quarters:

- NIE 11-1-65, "The Soviet Space Program," completed
- NIE 11-9-65, "Main Trends in Soviet Foreign Policy," completed
- NIE 13-2-65, "Communist China's Advanced Weapons Program," completed
- Intelligence Assumptions for Planning, Section 3 (General Purpose Forces), March 1965
- Intelligence Assumptions for Planning, Section 2 (Air Defense Forces), March 1965
- NIE 13-3-65, "Communist China's Military Establishment," March 1965 (*completed 10 March*)
- NIE 13-9-65, "Main Trends in Chinese Communist Foreign Policy," March 1965
- NIE 11-4-65, "Main Trends in Soviet Military Policy," April 1965
- NIE 11-8-64, "Note to Holders" updating NIE 11-8-64, April 1965
- NIE 11-2-65, "The Soviet Atomic Energy Program," May 1965

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Intelligence Assumptions for Planning - 1965 (complete annual revision, minus updated sections on Strategic Attack - Dec 1964, Air Defense - Feb 1965, and General Purpose Forces - Feb 1965), May 1965

Planned for the Last Two Quarters:

• NIE 11-3-65, "Soviet Air and Missile Defense Capabilities Through Mid-1971," August 1965

NIE 11-8-65, "Soviet Capabilities for Strategic Attack Through Mid-1971," September 1965

• Intelligence Assumptions for Planning, Section 2 (Air Defense Forces), October 1965

• Intelligence Assumptions for Planning, Section 1 (Strategic Attack Forces), November 1965

• NIE 11-14-65, "Capabilities of the Soviet General Purpose Forces, 1965-1971," November 1965. (Revision of corresponding section of Intelligence Assumptions for Planning is likely to be ready for USIB approval by early January 1966)

While the foregoing is reasonably well aligned with Joint Staff planning schedules, I would like to point out that there is very little leeway in some instances. Major slippage, particularly in the first two quarters, will have a highly disruptive effect and it is therefore hoped that every effort will be exerted to avoid the delays that plagued us during 1964. I have directed that all concerned components of DIA will insure that necessary deadlines are met.

Sincerely,

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